

# Pacific Woodrush

November 29, 2002

Mr. Jeff Koenings, Director  
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Dear Mr. Koenings:

Earlier this month we had the third watershed meeting for our growing Siebert Creek group. They are held in the local firehall, and this time it was standing room only. The evening started with a powerpoint presentation about the activities that are going on in this watershed. Like any powerpoint our very new group has ever been able to give it was put together with great care by Randy Johnson. In fact, without Randy's help many of the activities that we have to talk about in this watershed would not be realities. Early last year, we asked for Randy's help when we were putting together an application for the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. Throughout the long process of sheparding this proposal through Randy helped with presentations that made it clear to whatever audience they were intended for what the strong points of the proposal were.

The stream we are working on, Siebert Creek, is certainly worthy of great effort and attention, and Randy's ability to make it visually interesting and technically accurate were skills we would have done without had he not been available to help watershed stewardship groups. Our SRFB project was fully funded, and we completed our first acquisition at the end of August. As a result of Randy's ability, and patience, in putting together a strong presentation a 350' buffer in the lower two miles of Siebert Creek stands a very good chance of being protected with a combination of conservation easements and land acquisition.

We went on to submit an application for a USFW watershed assessment grant. Again, through Randy's efforts we were able to submit a CD with a strong presentation making clear the necessity of assessment work in this watershed. This project was also funded and everyone involved acknowledges Randy's help as pivotal in obtaining the funding.

Randy helped with presentations for many of our PIE seminars that took place monthly between March and October, he prepared a powerpoint about the watershed for our local WRIA, and has made three different presentations for our watershed meetings at the firehall. His work has helped us to make our mission clear, and we are very grateful for his assistance.

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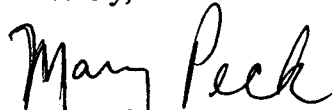
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Our August PIE seminar was "Nearshore Habitat and Resources of the Strait of Juan de Fuca". Anne Shaffer put together a dynamic powerpoint show and led a Saturday field trip at Tongue Point. A Saturday field trip is asking a lot of anyone, but after seining and identifying what we netted Anne then took a few hearty participants on a snorkeling tour of Tongue Point. I contacted Anne the next week because several people who had attended her talk had not been able to make the field trip. She was willing to commit another Saturday, and another group of people had the benefit of her knowledge.

Too long a letter I suppose, but primarily I want to thank you for allowing your staff here to be available to groups like ours. They have been generous with their time, and their impressive knowledge.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Peck